

May 29, 2009

The Honorable Steven Chu  
Secretary of Energy  
1000 Independence Avenue, SW  
Washington, DC 20585

RE: Clean Cities FY09 Petroleum Reduction Technologies Projects for the Transportation Sector, Area of Interest 04 (DE-PS26-09NT01236-04)

Dear Mr. Secretary,

I write to express my support for the California Low Carbon Fuels Infrastructure Investment Initiative grant proposal submitted to your department by the California Department of General Services (DGS), Propel Fuels, Inc., and the East Bay Clean Cities Coalition. Partners working on this project represent the largest fleets in the nation, including DGS, California Department of Transportation, U.S. Postal Service and many private fleets. I am so committed to this project's objectives that my California Energy Commission has pledged \$5 million in matching funds as support.

Because 40 percent of California's greenhouse gas emissions come from the transportation sector, increasing the use of alternative fuel vehicles is a key part of our climate change strategy. It also advances important federal goals. DGS currently oversees approximately 7,900 alternative fuel vehicles, but there are too few alternative fueling locations in California, and there are even fewer in proximity to core locations where state and federal fleet vehicles are fueled. This is problematic in part because the Federal Energy Policy Act of 1992 mandates that 75 percent of all new vehicles must be alternative fuel vehicles, and I am committed to meeting and exceeding this goal. As the state and federal governments replace aging vehicles with newer, more technologically advanced alternative fuel vehicles, the need for additional alternative fueling sites will continue to increase accordingly. The California team is working to locate sites that are optimal for both state and federal government fleets and California consumers. In addition, this project establishes a unique green collar job creation program with local Conservation Corps. The project will create significant job opportunities for Corps members across California, achieving the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act goal of job creation.

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The transition to alternative fuels signals one of the most meaningful economic transitions our country will ever see, and it is critical to engage the people of California in this process by providing them with access to low carbon fuel choices at the retail level. Actions such as these will help California comply with our own energy use goals and will lead to achieving quantifiable and cost-effective reductions of greenhouse gas emissions, petroleum consumption and vehicle miles traveled. Funding California's proposal will help both state and federal fleets contribute to the achievement of these goals.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger

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